



Brownfields 2009 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Huntington Park Community Development Commission, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Huntington Park Community Development Commission was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Huntington Park (population 70,562) is located about six miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. More than 96 percent of residents are Hispanic or Latino, and median and per capita income levels are well below those of Los Angeles County. About 23 percent of residents live below the poverty level. The city grew with the expansion of industrial activity in the Alameda Corridor and the intense demand for housing following World War II. With the downturn and relocation of the region's employment base, including General Motors, Firestone Tire and Rubber, and U.S. Steel, economic conditions declined. Cleanup of the former steel site will help reduce potential health risks to area residents. Once the site is cleaned up, the Commission plans to create a greenway along the Alameda Street right-of-way and redevelop the site into a commercial or retail center that is expected to generate about 200 new jobs.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Huntington Park Community Development Commission for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the four-acre former Southland Steel site located at 5959 to 6169 Alameda Street. The site was occupied at various times by a fertilizer manufacturing facility, a railroad spur, and a steel manufacturing facility. Contaminants of concern include solvents, metals, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used to install engineering controls, complete institutional controls, and support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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